**Activity report**

Site: **Endamohoni Woreda,** **Maichew Zone Administrative Meeting Hall**

*I: Description of the activity*

What is the nature of the activity?

**2nd Innovation platform meeting**

What were the objectives of the activity?

* **To update IP members on ongoing AR research activities and to capture members’ feedback on the challenges AR is facing in the research site**
* **To recap the innovation platform structure and function; to link woreda and kebele level IPs trough new selected farmer representatives and to collect IP monitoring and evaluation information**
* **To get inputs and to discuss on the type of technologies selected on AR annual review meeting for the pre-scaling up work**

Who organized/originated the activity?

**Africa RISING** **Site coordinators, IP technical group members and ILRI researchers**

Date of the activity- **November 03-2014**

*II: Participation by IP actors in the activity (attach IP register for verification)*

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| **Number of organizations or actors grouped by the type of organization** | **Number** |
| Number of male farmers | 2 |
| Number of female farmers | 1 |
| Number of research organizations (Local and International) | 3 |
| Number of policy organizations (including Zonal Woreda or kebele offices) | 3 |
| Number of NGOs | 1 |
| Number of farmer groups (clusters) represented | 2 |
| Number of private sector organizations | 0 |
| Number of other groups and specify (e.g. farmer organizations, women group, youth group etc.) | 0 |

*III: Narrative description of the activity (Around 300 words)*

Briefly describe the key elements of the activity-What went well and what did not go well?

**It was in the Zonal Office of agriculture that the first IP meeting after establishment was held. Just like the other research site, a recap of the IP structure and function was presented whereby new members representing the kebele IP and FRG groups were introduced to the whole assembly. The facilitation role was mostly left to the local IP facilitator and presentations were made by communication and M&E champions on different communication tools identified by IP members to be used at the local levels and on Most Significant Change Story technique.**

**Activity plan for the woreda IP was developed where training need assessment of farmers and experts through the technical group, active participation on mid-season and end season evaluation of AR trials, and contributing and involving in AR pre-scaling up work were the major activities identified until the 3rd IP meeting planned to be organized sometime in June 2015.**

* **IP members were satisfied with the research and capacity development activities that AR is doing and emphasized the importance of the event in filling their information gap.**
* **Lack of visible action to establish knowledge centers at the sites was a concern for the IP members- This is one activity that AR promised to undertake**
* **Due to overlap of the IP meeting with a government organized field day, it experienced a relatively fewer presence of members**

What key ‘next steps’ emerged from the activity

* **Before the next IP meeting, technical group members to meet and discuss on end season evaluation result and training need assessments for some of the protocols/FRGs**
* **To revise the scaling up plan based on the end season evaluation result/data and input sources, cost and potential of the kebeles**